

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22 of the First Extraordinary Session  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach David Wild, Coach Darrell Hubbard, Coach Mike Howerton, and the 1998 American Little League All-Stars on finishing runner-up at the Southern Regional Tournament and their many other accomplishments.

WHEREAS, founded in 1939 at Williamsport, Pennsylvania by Carl Stotz and George and Bert Bebble, the Little League program is currently the largest organized sports program in the world with 3 million players on 200,000 teams in 80 countries; and

WHEREAS, it was with great pleasure and admiration that the members of the Tennessee General Assembly learned that our own 1998 American Little League All-Star team, consisting of players from Morristown and Talbott, finished their outstanding season tied for fifth best in the country; and

WHEREAS, their steady upward path to glory started with winning their District Tournament, with victories against Grainger County 10-0, Eagleton 3-2 and 11-3, Morristown National 18-0, and Maryville American 5-0; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team then won the State Tournament trophy, beating Athens 14-9, Gallatin 13-0 and 8-5, and Donelson 16-5; and

WHEREAS, they concluded their excellent season with a resounding performance at the prestigious Southern Regional Tournament, finishing second despite very rigorous competition. They defeated Mississippi 12-0, Louisville 4-3, Kentucky 3-2 and 6-5; and

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WHEREAS, their fine overall record was 13-2; and

WHEREAS, the All-Stars were very fortunate to have as their highly regarded coaches David Wild, Darrell Hubbard, and Mike Howerton; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team were: Lance Wild, Matt Spencer, Jordan Davis, Larue Isom, James McDonald, John Wallen, Tyson Keister, Tyler Moore, Adam Shockley, Kaleb Goforth, Laith Howerton, and Joseph Dietz; and

WHEREAS, this team is deserving of special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the 1998 American League All-Star team and Coaches David Wild, Darrell Hubbard, and Mike Howerton, as we extend our best wishes for much success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each of the above named persons, with this final clause omitted from such copies.